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Very truly yours,

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THE return of brave boys marching,
Duty assigned all well done:
Memory remains in departing,
Honor, justice, glory won.

INSPIRED by true patriotism,
Leaving home, unfurled the Flag.
Unexcelled in heroism,—
Good will, freedom, must be had.

"I MUST leave you, beloved mother,
Go fight for that dear old Flag.
It 's man's duty to earn this honor —
Marching in that noble rank."

WHILE these proud words brought dear tears,
"My son," she said, "farewell,
Defend just rights without fear,
All be done by good Lord's will."

LOYAL to the Starry Banner,
Ready ever to defend,
Liberty in rights their honor,
On the ocean and every land.

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WHILE deeds above other nation
Heroism so displayed,
Sympathy, reconciliation —
In peace to unite foreign land.

FAREWELL greets them from all nations,
For rights and honors made brave stand;
Record made their great salvation
On the mighty foreign land.

FATHERS, mothers, near relations,
Their sweet darlings' hearts so true ;
Thoughts of their sons storming trenches,
Others among fighting crew.

GREAT shouts greet them at all stations,
Greetings from their beloved home;
Thou hast well earned adoration —
Good will, honor, is thine own.

CHORUS

CHEER, boys, cheer; towards our home we 're marching,
Land of our birth, the stars of the free.
Mothers' hearts no longer shall (ever) be aching;
Peace and joy forever there shall be.
Rights of honest nation, theme of administration,
Archives' honored memory, future may revere.
Inclined protestation, the part of honest nation,
Our boys are ready with arms in their care.
Farewell, our comrades, exchanging our stations,
Life, health and glory be in this fair land.
Stand by the rights, our country's new possessions,
Noble efforts aided by Almighty hand.

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